pyright, 1919, by the McClure News-

Away at the south end of the small city of 15,000 population the huge tents of the Mammoth Three-Ring circus were pitched. A strike that had fied up transportation somewhere along the tine was responsible for the Mam-moth's solourn there, for it was a big city circus. The circus would be there for a week, too. Surely this city of swille was getting to be a wonderful place, the astonished natives

But that was not all. In the glamor and confusion that had arisen with the arrival of the Mammoth, the citizens of Windsville had forgotten that the

Even when the Puritan did arrive and pitched has one small tent on a corthern lot at the outskirts of the sit, the residents in the North end were the only ones to show any interest; a very weak interest it was, at

The Manmotw people were not go-ing to ger out of practice just because they were murooned in a small town. With all their splendor they launched out for their grand street parade on the day that the Puritan thought it as the center of attraction. So ensed and enraptured were the findsvilleltes with the wonderful paade that they falled to notice the hain of poorly painted wagons that not the big purade in the center of the sty and had to turn down a side street to avoid a collision.

A few of the "neck-stretchers" or The side street took their eyes from the main attraction long enough to iden-



caravans, and one or two did recognize it as the Puritan Brothers' "elegant" The Puritan Brothers' circus was as

dead as the brothers it was named after, and they had been dead for fifty years. It was bard for Mona Millson star performer and owner of the Puritan, to make up her mind to this fact, but the clash at Windsville decided it for her. Her venture was a failure. As a circus owner she was a good clown

Of course, they wouldn't have an afternoon performance. Even the North end residents deserted the neighborhood in favor of the Mammoth the matinee hour approached. ounds. She had hoped against hope at this stop would net receipts suf-Scient to keep the creditors off until the show could get on a better footing but now all would go. Right in the town where she had started out she would end—her circus career a dis-

Never had the atmosphere of tent life been so boresome as that after-noon. It was a glorious day outside and from over the fields Mona could catch a whiff of aromas that brought ack pleasant memories—green grass, running stream, wild flowers and s shady nook, were all just a few miles away. Why not go back to the scenes that had meant so much to her, the scenes she had never hoped to see

Joan, Mona's snow-white mount, the aly attraction of the Puritan circus remained in first-class form ed to know just the gatt Mona wanted her to travel along those country roads. The handsome mare, away from the sawdust and canvas for the first time in many months, seemed fired with new life. As the wind caught Mona's raven locks and pulled them down over her shoulders, sen years seemed to roll off her age. The color returned to her cheeks, slimming the traces of rouge into oblivion, the wrinkles left her forehead, her eyes sparkled once more.

The old scenes had not changed. There was the same path through the same opening in the fence, just where Jean came to a stop in the road and

allowed her mistress to alight. The fence was an easy vide for the white horse, and it whitely with pleasure at the feeling of soft turf and green grass under its hoofs. Mona cried out with pleasure, too. The same old brook, the same old wind flower patche the same old shady nook! There she stopped, and gathering up the reins of her mount rested her head on the side of the handsome Joan.

"You heard it all, little flowers and little brook," she whispered. "You were

little brook," she whispered. "You were all here when we quarreled. It was just such a day as this, wasn't it? You remember how angry he became, how persistent I was. 'I am going to be a circus rider—I am going to be like my mother,' I told him while he fretted and fumed. He said what a horrible life it was; he said it would mean the end of everything between us—that if I loved him I would not lower myself to go into such work-that is just what he said, wasn't it? And I told him I didn't love him, I hated him if he talked like that, and I thought I did. But I didn't, little flowers. I didn't, little brook. I loved him, oh, so

Mona became rigid. Had the brook Mona became rigid. Had the brook nuswered in his voice? Were her earn deceiving her? Had her nerves got the best of her or could it be—could it be—was Roger there, standing right behind her? Roger was—but such a changed Roger, taller, more handsome by far, but with the same old smile, the same twinkle in his eye. She gazed at him for more than a minute, her heart throbbed violently. As in a dream his arms opened for her; she found her way into them and sobbed out her feelings on his shoulder.

"There, there, little Mona," he whis pered just for her to hear, "don't feel so bad. Tell me all about it."

She gained control of her tears, but she did not leave the shelter of his arms. "It was just as you said," she told him, quietly. "My career has ended in failure—it was so bright at first, but after the big successes failure started in, and now we have ended up at Windsville, where I started. The Puritan circus, that has stood for refined entertainment in the sawdust ring, is bankrupt and its owner, Mona Millson, is a pauper."

"But hasn't it all been worth while?" There was a new note of sympathy in

Roger's voice. Mona's spirit came back in force "Worth while, yes!" she declared, her eyes shining a new light. "Every success has been a paradise, every failure has just made a resolve for greater never leave it. I will fight on, on, until I have achieved what I started out to achieve—refined entertainment

even though I know that my real hap-piness lies here, in this peaceful val-ley country with you and among those that love me. It hasn't been a fair fight. It has been a woman against the big trusts-a woman against organizations like the Mammoth."

"Join forces with the Mammoth; it is your chance to make good your am- United States bought Alaska, the salbitions!" Roger was excited, too.

the most wonderful woman in the world. He wants to marry her. I am the owner of the Mammoth. I started out to find you. I joined a circus in the hope that that would bring me nearer to you, and look what it has led to, after all these years! I know now why you left the narrow, bigoted country life-the fever of circus life is in my blood, too. Won't you join forces with the Mammoth, won't you marry the owner of the Ma:amoth? Mona, I need you, I want you so."

"I need you, I want you, foo." Mona drew closer in his embrace. "Here where we quarreled, where we parted, we have come together again. The little flowers and the brook know all. If only we could take them to our circus

Persian Perfume.

Persia saw the earliest development of the perfume industry. The priests in Egypt, who were the sole depositories of science, knew the secret of aromatic substances and prepared them. Egyptian perfumes acquired great celebrity, especially those made in Alexandria. Reserved originally for religious rites, perfumes subsequently became of current use among the wealthy classes. During banquets they were diffused through the halls and were burned in profusion. The Israelites during their sojourn in Egypt adopted the use of aromatic substances primarily for religious purposes and afterward for personal usage. The Jews were fond of cosmetics, and even used them to paint the face. All those perfumes were extracted from essence of trees and vari-

Great American Historian. In 1800, on the 3d of October, George Bancroft, the historian, was born at Worcester, Mass, Bancroft began his "History of the United States" at the age of thirty. The first volume was published four years later, in 1834. For nearly fifty years later, in 1834. For nearly fifty years he devoted himself to the work of writing a full history of the United States. The twelfth and last volume was published in 1882. During this period Bancroft found time for important po-litical service. He was secretary of the navy and minister to Great Britain and to Germany. He died at Wash-ington on January 17, 1891.

Nothing More. "What of Congressman Flubdub?"
"Him? He's a barnacle on the ship
of state."—Louisville Courier-Journal,

specience of You'd of Warfare Should Mays Effect on Coar Min-ing in This Country.

The inventory of the nation's resources that the war made necessary brought to light many new facts about coal mining which will be of lasting value to the industry and to the public. As long as the war lasted these incidental lessons were lost sight of under the pressure of meeting the emergency created by the shortage of fuels, but with the return of peace the experience gained during the war is being gathered together in a series of reports on the industry, the first of which, "Coal in 1917," by C. E. of which, "Coal in 1917," by C. E. Lesher, has been published by the United States geological survey, department of the interior.

The period from 1914 through 1917 and 1918 and into 1919 may be regarded as a distinct epoch in the coal industry, of which the year 1917 represented only one section, but a section which, if not the most remarkable for its achievements, was at once the most chaotic and the most momentous in the history of the industry.

In response to the unprecedented demand the bituminous mines produced 551,790,563 tons, or nearly 10 per cent more than the output of the year before. The anthracite output was 99,-611,811 net tons, an increase over 1916 of 18.7 per cent. The total output of both hard and soft coal was thus over 50,000,000 tons.

This record output was accomplished by a labor force of 603,143 men in the bituminous and 154,174 in the an-thracite mines. In spite of the draft the number of workers in the bituminous industry was greater in 1917 that In 1916.

UNCLE SAM'S GAME RESERVE

Island of Afognak, on South Coast of Alaeka, Peculiarly Adapted for the Purpose.

One of the most picturesquely interesting parts of our national do-main is a large island off the south coast of Alaska. It is called Afognak and is about 65 miles long by 40 in width, with a very irregular shore line and deeply indented by bays.

It is the property of the government, and in 1892 was set aside by President Harrison as a game and fish reserve. The important purpose that it serves is that of a preserve for salmon, all the finest varieties of which run up its stream in great numbers at the breeding season to spawn.

Afognak is a mountainous island, of volcanic origin, its loftlest peak rising to an elevation of 1,800 feet. In the interior are a number of large lakes, which are the breeding grounds of the salmon. One of these, Letnik lake, is seven miles long. and on its shore is located a big government fish hatchery.

In the days of long ago, before the mon fishery of Afognak was operated "What chance have I?" she laughed. by the Russian-American company, which established on the island a col-"The owner of the Puritan circus to ony of its superannuated and pensioned the owner of the Mammoth circus is employes. These were Aleuts, whose descendants today compose the native population, somewhat more than 400, though their blood is much mixed.

Soldiere and Banana Growing.

The New South Wales government has not been long in providing its returning soldiers with work. One of the enterprises undertaken with this object is the cultivation of bananas on a large scale. There is no fruit crop that yields such a quick return as the banana and in the present flourishing state of the market no better undertaking could have been selected, given the right men. It is not work for the lazy. But among the demobilized troops are plenty of men who are young, tough and teachable. Four hundred acres have been taken as a beginning and each settler has 12 months' probation before a black is intrusted to him. The sum of £625 is advanced to each for implements, stock, and house-building material. The soldiers have already started and enjoy their rough life in the hills. The experienced planter, Mr. C. Rose, who is in charge, sees nothing but success ahead in reward for their efforts.

Prickly Pear Proving Pest. Australia is suffering from a prickly pear pest, which takes advantage of the rivers as a means of spreading. Shoots break off from the parent plant growing along a stream and the part is carried downstream to found a new colony. Thousands of acres are being ruined yearly owing to the ravages of this plant, and no means have been discovered of stopping its march. Rolling, spraying and poisons have proved ineffectual, and it is hoped that some scientist may find some commercial use for the plant.

Indian Women Progressing. Oktahoma Indian girls are as much interested in the canaling campaign as their paleface sisters. In Backham county, Okla, they attend all the meetings held by the home demonstration agent, and this year made an excellent booth exhibit of the fruit and vegetables they had canned and dried. One Indian woman also exhi-bited 100 chickens of her own raising.

London's Housing Problem.

The London housing board has inspected 2,000 houses that may be converted into flats. Of these 1,000 have been approved and work is to be com-menced immediately. Work has also been begun on 8,000 houses.

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NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT.

Notice is Hereby Given, That I, Alonzo Griffin, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Shinwassee, State of Michigan, will, on the 20th day of January, A D. 1920, at the residence of Ezra Long, in the Township of Caledonia, in said County of Shiawassee, at nine o'clock in the forencon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain Drain known and designated as "Wheeler Drain," located and established in the Township of C ledonia, in said County of Shiawassee, and described as follows, to-wit:

Your pe itioners show that the said drain Your petitioners show that the said drain needs deepening, widening, straighte ing, when he drain from a point in the Wheeler irain where the Escott Drain enters same on land owned by C.M. Bilhimer. Sec. 21, Caledonia township, thence in a north-cast-rightrection across land owned by Eara Long, Fred Sanders, James Sulfvan, Bet Derr, term native on I nd owned by Walter Brown, Sec. 10. Caledonia township, as now located and stublished. Said drain to be 5 feet or less at the bottom.

We, the following free holders of the town

ship of Caledonia, hereby petition Alonzo Griffio, County Drain Commissioner, to cause tile to be laid in the Wheeler Drain instead of an open drain as petits need for Size of tile to be 16 inch or less, to be determined by the Com-missioner: F. M. Sanders, Mrs. Etta Sanders James E. Sullivan, A. T. Derr, Erwina E. Derr, O. A. Myers, Walter H. Brown, C. M. Bilbimer. The minutes of survey and table of cuttings are on file in the office of the County Drain Commissioner, and are open for inspection by all parties interested, at all times after the giving of the notice, until the date therein set, and shall be in the possession of said Drain C mmissioner and open to inspection at the time and place of letting

Bids will be received for constructing and laying 570 rods tile drain, Bids will be received for furnishing 268 rod 16 inch, 261 rods 14 inch, and 41 rods 14 inch tile Said tile to be No. 1 hard glazed tile.

Bids will be received for drawing 570 rod: Bids will be received for constructing 3 ce nent bridges and one bar.

ment bridges and one bar.

Said job will be let in one section in accord nee with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Shiawassee, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and hids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment the efor. shall and will be unnounced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby Given, That at the

Notice is further hereby Given, That at the time and place thereafter to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Wheeler

ALONZO GRIFFIN.





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Order of Publication. State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County held at the Probate office in the City of Corunes, on the 2nd day of January. A. D. Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Emma A.
Littlefield, deceased.
On filing the petition of Milton Barry praying for the probate of the will of said deceased now filed in this Court.
It is ordered, that the 2nd day of February, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in The Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawasses.

(A true copy.) Jud CLARIBEL GALLOWAY, Register of Probate.

Commissioners' Notice. In the matter of the estate of Alfred

Dated the 19th day of December, A. D. 1919.

Order of Publication.

The Probate Court for the County or Shin At a session of the Probate Court for sal County held at the Probate office, in the cir of Corunna, on the 29th day of December, I the year one thousand nine hundred and nice teen.

Present Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of George L
Rush, deceased.

Frank H. Rush, the executor of said cenate,
having rendered a final account to this Court.
It is ordered that the 20th day of January,
next at ten o'clock in the forencen at said
Probate Office be appointed for examining
and allowing said account.

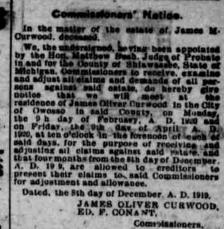
And it is further ordered that a copy of this
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